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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Evan E. Patton, Jonathan D. Reid, Jeffrey A. Hawkins, and Dinesh S. Kalakkad

For: **IMPROVED CLAMSHELL APPRATUS WITH DYNAMIC UNIFORMITY CONTROL**

Assigned to: Novellus Systems, Inc.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **27** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
☒ **10** Sheets of formal Drawings
☐ Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
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☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
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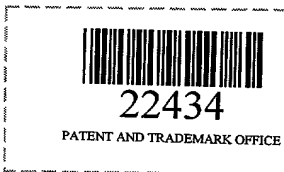
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(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))

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Sir:

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